

Down and Across

by Arvin Ahmadi

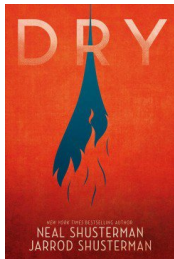
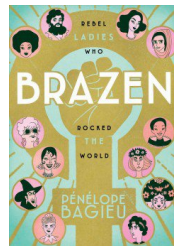
A chronic underachiever who never finishes what he starts struggles through college applications without a clue about where to dedicate his studies, a situation that compels him to sneak off to Washington, D.C., to seek the advice of a famous

psychology professor, only to find himself on an unexpected high-speed adventure filled with daring and revelations.

Brazen : Rebel Ladies Who Rocked the World

by Pénélope Bagieu

A celebrated graphic novelist profiles the lives of formidable female role models—some world famous, some little known—including Nellie Bly, Mae Jemison, Josephine Baker, Naziq al-Abid and many others, in an entertaining, comic-style biography that is sure to inspire the next generation of rebels.



Dry

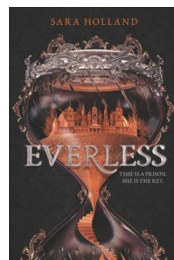
by Neal Shusterman

A lengthy California drought escalates to catastrophic proportions, turning Alyssa's quiet suburban street into a warzone, and she is forced to make impossible choices if she and her brother are to survive

Everless

by Sara Holland

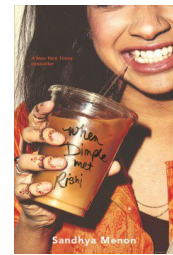
In a magical world where time is extracted from blood as currency and where the poor are doomed to short existences, a girl is forced to return to the wealthy estate she fled years earlier and becomes entangled in violent secrets that shape the fate of time itself.



When Dimple Met Rishi

by Sandhya Menon

When Dimple and Rishi meet at a Stanford University, Dimple is avoiding her parents' obsession with "marriage prospects" but Rishi hopes to woo her into accepting arranged marriage with him.



Voting Guidelines

A winner is announced at each level: Primary, Elementary, Middle School, and High School. The winning book will have gathered the greatest number of votes in their category. The deadline to vote is **April 30, 2020 for the the 2019-2020 nominees.**

To be a qualified voter, you need to have been read to or read independently at four books in the category for which you are voting. Students may vote via their school libraries or their public libraries. Only one vote per person per category.

Please ask a staff member for assistance if you would like to vote your favorite book!

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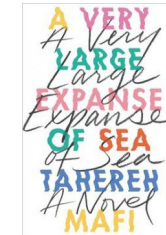
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High School Virginia Readers' Choice 2020-2021



A Very Large Expanse of Sea

by Tahereh Mafi

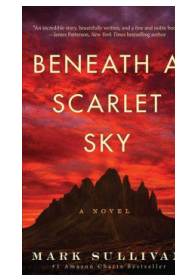
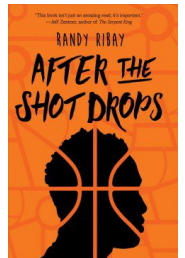
Withdrawing into solitude after enduring a year of cruel prejudice in the aftermath of September 11, Muslim teen Shirin, an enthusiastic breakdancer, struggles to trust a boy who is the first friend who really seems to want to

know her. .

After the Shot Drops

by Randy Ribay

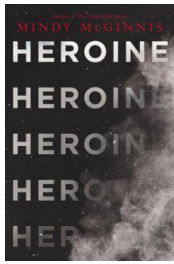
When Bunny takes a basketball scholarship to an elite private school, he leaves behind Nasir, his best friend, in their tough Philadelphia neighborhood.



Beneath a Scarlet Sky

by Mark T. Sullivan

A teenage boy in 1940s Italy becomes part of an underground railroad that helps Jews escape through the Alps but is forced by his parents to enlist as a German soldier for his own protection, where he becomes a spy for the Allies.



Heroine

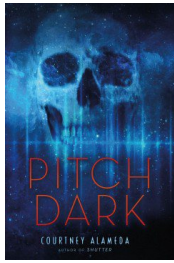
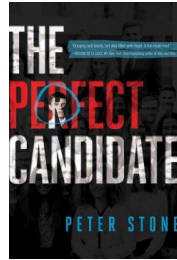
by Mindy McGinnis

Determined to see her softball team through a historic tournament run despite severe injuries, a socially awkward teen is prescribed opioid painkillers that initially help, before high pressure leads to an out-of-control addiction. .

The Perfect Candidate

by Peter Stone

When Cameron Carter goes straight from high school in small-town California to a summer internship with a powerful U.S. Congressman he admires, he soon learns that not everything in Washington, D.C. is as it appears.

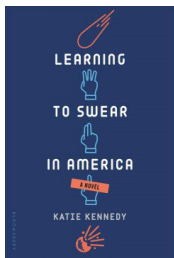


Pitch Dark

by Courtney Alameda

A boy who has been in stasis aboard a ship preserving Earth's most valued artifacts and a girl from a shipraiding family who is hired to steal the ship's invaluable cargo become unexpected allies in a battle against invading aliens who use sound to kill.

2018-2019 Winner



Learning to Swear in America

by Katie Kennedy

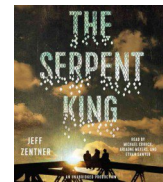
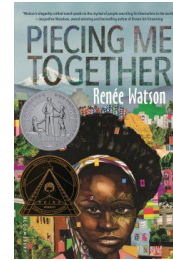
Brought over from Russia to help NASA prevent an asteroid from colliding with Earth, seventeen-year-old physics genius Yuri feels awkward and alone until he meets free-spirited Dovie.

Check out the 2019-2020 nominees, too. Vote for your favorite by April 30, 2020.

Piecing Me Together

by Renée Watson

Tired of being singled out at her mostly-white private school, high school junior Jade would rather participate in the school's Study Abroad program than join Women to Women, a mentorship program for at-risk girls.



The Serpent King

by Jeff Zentner

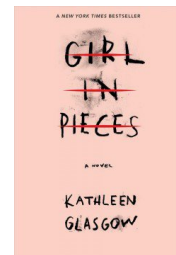
Struggling through his senior year of high school, where he is targeted by bullies because of his father's extreme faith, Dill teams up with fellow outcast

Lydia, who is determined to escape their tiny town by pursuing a career in fashion, and Travis, whose obsession with an epic book series and a fangirl turns his reality into real-life fantasy.

The Star-Touched Queen

by Roshani Chokshi

Treated with fear in her father's kingdom due to a formidable horoscope, 16-year-old Maya commits herself to her education only to land in an arranged marriage that culminates in her sudden elevation to the throne, a situation that is threatened by dark secrets.



Girl in Pieces

by Kathleen Glasgow

As she struggles to recover and survive, seventeen-year-old homeless Charlotte "Charlie" Davis cuts herself to dull the pain of abandonment and abuse



And I Darken

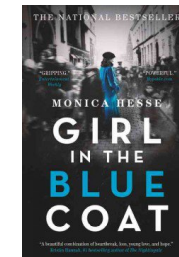
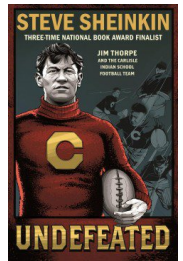
by Kiersten White

At first rejected by her father and always ignored by her mother, a girl child born to Vlad Dracula grows up to be Lada Dragwlya, a vicious and brutal princess, destined to rule and destroy her enemies.

Undeclared : Astonishing Rise of Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indians Football Team

by Steve Sheinkin

Presents the true story of how Jim Thorpe and Pop Warner created the legendary Carlisle Indians football team, one of the winningest teams in American football history



Girl in the Blue Coat

by Monica Hesse

Hanneke, a procurer of black-market goods in 1943 Nazi-occupied Amsterdam, is compelled to help a desperate neighbor track down a missing Jewish teen who had been hiding from the Nazis.

The Call

by Peadar Ó Guilin

Every teenager in Ireland is subject to "the call" which takes them to the land of the Sidhe, where they are hunted for a day. Few return alive.

